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Re: Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-003534
Request No. 1423766
DRC:RNB

VIA: Email

Dear Paul Galante:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Joseph Newton Pew, Jr. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search.

After carefully considering your appeal, I am affirming the FBI's action on your request. By letter dated March 11, 2019, the FBI released to you seven pages of responsive records. The FBI searched its automated and manual indices for the subject of your request. The FBI searched for main and cross reference records. I have determined that the FBI's response was correct and that it conducted an adequate, reasonable search for responsive records subject to the FOIA.

Additionally, please be advised that the FBI found a reference to records that might be responsive to your request. These records, however, were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): 94-HQ-3-4 SUB 1115, 94-HQ-36511-A, 100-HQ-135 SUB 37, 100-HQ-51230, and 102-HQ-2 SUB 10. If you have not done so already, you may wish to submit a request directly to NARA for these records at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA Staff
NWCTF-Room 5500
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeal was assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeal, your underlying request, and the action of the FBI in response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

9/30/2019

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Signed by: DANIEL CASTELLANO